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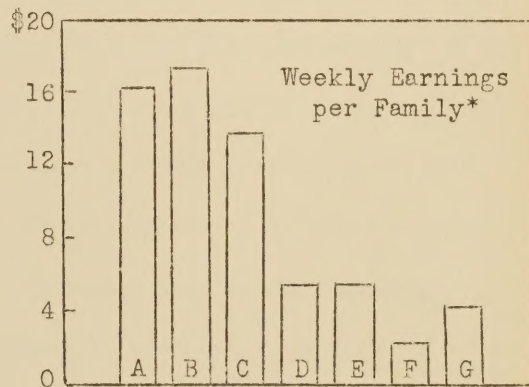
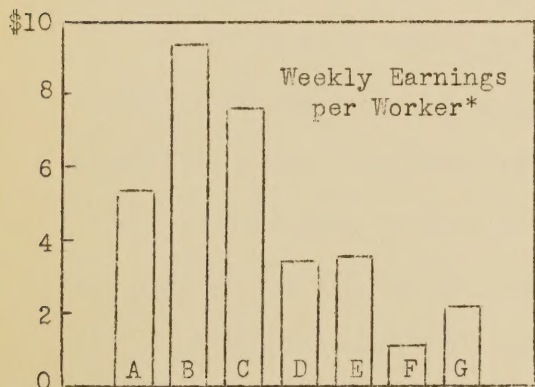
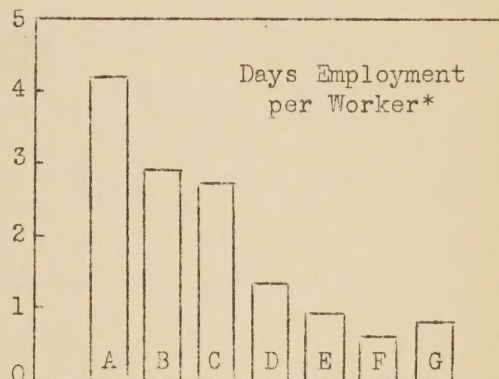
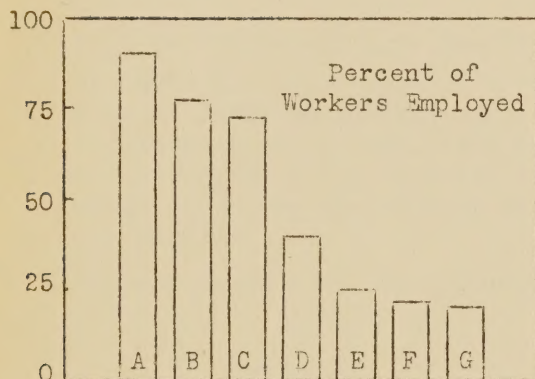
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Employment Situation of Agricultural Workers Living in
FSA Migratory Labor Camps

Current Report No. 6

Arizona-California Camps, June 15 to July 13, 1940



* These averages include all workers and all families.

Camps designated by:

- A. Western Oregon
- B. Eastern Oregon & Southern Idaho
- C. Yakima, Washington

D. Imperial & Coachella Valleys

- E. Northern California
- F. Arizona
- G. San Joaquin Valley

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Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho.

June 15 to July 13, 1940.

The data for these reports are supplied from a ten per cent sample of all the families in the camps. An entirely new and different sample is selected every week. All members of each household who are working or seeking work are reported upon with regard to their employment activities during the week in which the particular family is included in the sample.

NORTHWEST CAMPS ARE ADDED TO THE REPORT

This current summary, for the first time, includes the employment situation of the camps in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho---the camps of Region XI of the Farm Security Administration. This expansion of the report is fortunate in that it permits a complete Pacific Coast coverage and, at the same time, facilitates interregional comparisons.

It is anticipated that the next current report will be able to offer a more complete analysis of public assistance employment received by workers living in FSA camps.

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REPORT OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE
FOR THE YEAR 1894

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Table 1.

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT*

Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Migratory
Labor Camps in California and Arizona
June 15 to July 13, 1940

	Week Ending				Four Week Average
	June 22	June 29	July 6	July 13	
1. Percentage of workers receiving employment	29.7	27.4	19.2	22.0	24.5
2. Percentage of families with at least one worker employed	44.5	45.7	32.0	38.0	40.0
3. Average workers per family:					
(a) Employed on other than public assistance	.60	.52	.38	.43	.48
(b) Unemployed	1.26	1.31	1.38	1.31	1.31
(c) Total workers	2.01	1.90	1.99	1.97	1.97
4. Average days employment:					
(a) Employed workers	3.26	3.75	3.81	3.67	3.59
(b) All workers	.96	1.03	.71	.81	.87
5. Employed index**	16.0	17.1	11.9	13.4	14.6
6. Average distance (in miles) from camp to job	8.4	8.0	7.2	9.5	8.3
(Camps included in above figures)	(14)	(14)	(15)	(15)	-
(Families included in above figures)	(191)	(186)	(194)	(192)	(763)

* Public assistance projects excluded.

** Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects ÷ man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week). If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.

Table 1A

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT*

Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Migratory Labor Camps
in Oregon, Washington and Idaho
June 15 to July 13, 1940

		Week ending			July 13	Four week average
		June 22	June 29	July 6		
1.	Percentage of workers receiving employment	89.4	77.0	76.4	83.1	81.5
2.	Percentage of families with at least one worker employed	88.9	81.9	84.5	90.9	86.4
3.	Average workers per family:					
	(a) Employed	1.82	1.57	1.59	1.87	1.70
	(b) Unemployed	.17	.41	.45	.32	.35
	(c) Total workers**	2.06	2.03	2.08	2.24	2.09
4.	Average days employment:					
	(a) Employed workers	4.4	4.3	3.9	4.1	4.2
	(b) All workers	3.9	3.3	3.0	3.4	3.4
5.	Employment index**	65.4	48.0	49.3	56.9	54.9
6.	Average distance (in miles) from camp to job	5.6	6.3	5.5	5.5	5.8
	(Camps included in above figures)	(8)	(9)	(8)	(6)	-
	(Families included in above figures)	(117)	(121)	(110)	(101)	(449)

* Public assistance projects excluded.

** Includes a small number who were employed on public assistance work.

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Table 2.

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY EARNINGS*

Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Migratory
Labor Camps in California and Arizona
June 15 to July 13, 1940

	Week Ending				Four Week Average
	June 22	June 29	July 6	July 13	
1. Average earnings:					
(a) Per worker employed	8.13	9.28	9.28	9.23	8.91
(b) Per worker: all workers	2.41	2.54	1.78	2.03	2.18
2. Average family earnings:					
(a) Per family with at least one worker employed	10.90	10.59	11.08	10.49	10.75
(b) Per family: all families	4.85	4.84	3.54	3.99	4.30
(Camps included in above figures)	(14)	(14)	(15)	(15)	-
(Families included in above figures)	(191)	(186)	(194)	(192)	(763)

* Public assistance projects excluded.

Table 2A

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY EARNINGS*

Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Migratory Labor Camps
in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho
June 15 to July 13, 1940

	Week Ending				Four week average
	June 22	June 29	July 6	July 13	
1. Average earnings:					
(a) Per worker employed	11.49	8.99	9.48	8.07	9.56
(b) Per worker: all workers	10.29	6.91	7.25	6.69	7.80
2. Average family earnings:					
(a) Per family with at least one worker employed	23.49	17.21	17.88	16.47	18.87
(b) Per family: all families	20.82	14.10	15.07	14.98	16.29
(Camps included in above figures)	(8)	(9)	(8)	(6)	-
(Families included in above figures)	(117)	(121)	(110)	(101)	(449)

* Public assistance projects excluded.

Table 3.

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS*
Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Migratory Labor Camps
in California and Arizona
June 15 to July 13, 1940

	Week ending				Four Week	
	June	June	July	July	Average	
	22	29	6	13		
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMPS						
1. Per cent of workers employed	39	25	17	19		25
2. Per cent of families with at least one worker employed	50	33	31	33		37
3. Average earnings: per family with at least one worker employed	\$14.37	\$16.54	\$12.22	\$15.63		\$14.71
4. Average earnings: all families	\$7.19	\$5.51	\$3.79	\$5.21		\$5.46
5. Employment index	21.2	16.4	10.4	13.4		15.6
6. Average miles from camp to job	6.4	6.2	8.6	6.5		6.7
7. (Number of camps included in above calculations)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)		-
8. (Number of families included in above calculations)	(64)	(60)	(58)	(63)		(245)
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CAMPS						
1. Per cent of workers employed	18	27	16	19		20
2. Per cent of families with at least one worker employed	34	48	28	35		37
3. Average earnings: per family with at least one worker employed	\$11.01	\$10.78	\$12.17	\$11.07		\$11.18
4. Average earnings: all families	\$3.78	\$5.23	\$3.45	\$3.93		\$4.10
5. Employment index	11.4	18.6	11.5	13.7		13.7
6. Average miles from camp to job	16.5	9.6	6.7	18.0		12.6
7. (Number of camps included in above calculations)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)		-
8. (Number of families included in above calculations)	(67)	(66)	(67)	(62)		(262)

* Public assistance projects excluded.

Table 3 (Contd.)

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS*
Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Migratory Labor Camps
in California and Arizona
June 15 to July 13, 1940

		Week ending				Four Week Average
		June 22	June 29	July 6	July 13	
IMPERIAL AND COACHELLA VALLEY CAMPS (INCLUDING SAN JACINTO).						
1.	Per cent of workers employed	:	:	:	:	:
2.	Per cent of families with at least one worker employed	49	29	35	46	40
3.	Average earnings: per family with at least one worker employed	61	60	43	69	58
4.	Average earnings: all families	\$10.51	\$ 9.08	\$11.60	\$ 7.90	\$ 9.52
5.	Employment index	\$ 6.42	\$ 5.45	\$ 5.03	\$ 5.45	\$ 5.50
6.	Average miles from camp to job	26.1	17.5	22.0	23.8	22.4
7.	(Number of camps included in above calculations)	6.9	9.2	5.9	6.0	6.6
8.	(Number of families included in above calculations)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	-
		(18)	(20)	(30)	(29)	(97)
ARIZONA CAMPS						
1.	Per cent of workers employed	24	31	16	14	21
2.	Per cent of families with at least one worker employed	45	53	31	26	39
3.	Average earnings: per family with at least one worker employed	:	:	:	:	:
4.	Average earnings: all families	\$ 5.14	\$ 5.48	\$ 7.09	\$ 3.63	\$ 5.39
5.	Employment index	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.18	\$.96	\$ 2.10
6.	Average miles from camp to job	10.2	15.6	7.0	5.3	9.5
7.	(Number of camps included in above calculations)	6.3	7.7	7.9	5.7	7.0
8.	(Number of families included in above calculations)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	-
		(42)	(40)	(39)	(38)	(159)

* Public assistance projects excluded.

Table 3A

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS*

Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Migratory Labor Camps
in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho
June 15 to July 13, 1940

		Week ending					
		June	June	July	July	Four week	
		22	29	6	13	average	
WESTERN OREGON CAMPS **							
1.	Per cent of workers employed	96.7	83.0	79.4	100.0	89.5	
2.	Per cent of families with at least one worker employed	100.0	94.9	97.4	100.0	97.9	
3.	Average earnings: per family with at least one worker employed	\$17.55	\$16.15	\$14.37	\$18.16	\$16.44	
4.	Average earnings: all families	\$17.55	\$15.38	\$13.95	\$18.16	\$16.12	
5.	Employment index	73.7	66.4	57.2	80.3	69.2	
6.	Average miles from camp to job	3.5	4.6	3.6	3.1	3.7	
7.	(Number of camps included in above calculations)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	-	
8.	(Number of families included in above calculations)	(34)	(39)	(39)	(32)	(144)	
EASTERN OREGON AND SOUTH IDAHO CAMPS ***							
1.	Per cent of workers employed	84.9	62.6	75.9	77.6	76.5	
2.	Per cent of families with at least one worker employed	84.3	69.0	77.8	94.4	80.8	
3.	Average earnings: per family with at least one worker employed	\$26.37	\$16.08	\$23.61	\$16.11	\$21.49	
4.	Average earnings: all families	\$22.16	\$11.09	\$18.30	\$15.20	\$17.33	
5.	Employment index	60.2	22.2	44.7	38.0	44.3	
6.	Average miles from camp to job	7.2	7.0	6.2	5.8	6.7	
7.	(Number of camps included in above calculations)	(5)	(5)	(4)	(3)	-	
8.	(Number of families included in above calculations)	(83)	(58)	(45)	(39)	(225)	

* Public assistance projects excluded.

** Dayton, West Stayton, Gresham, Banks. Banks moved to West Stayton on June 29.

*** Athena, Nyssa, Blackfoot, Twin Falls, Caldwell.

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS*

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June 15 to July 13, 1940

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Table 4

SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS BY REGIONS*

Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Migratory Labor Camps
 Four Week Averages
 June 15 to July 13, 1940

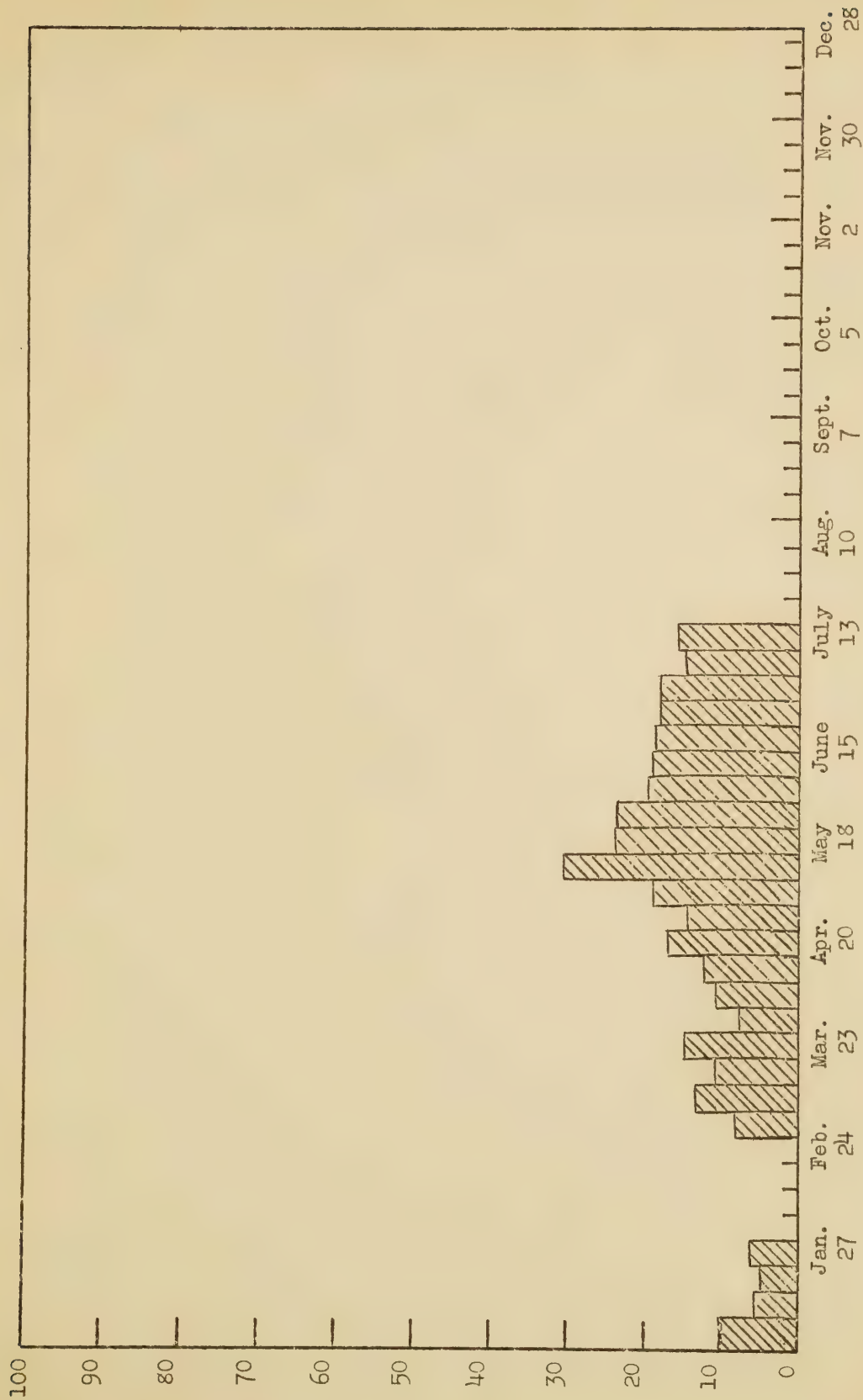
	California and Arizona	Oregon Washington and Idaho
1. Percentage of workers receiving employment	24.5	81.5
2. Percentage of families with at least one worker employed	40.0	86.4
3. Average days employment:		
(a) Employed workers	3.6	4.2
(b) All workers	.9	3.4
4. Employment Index**	14.6	54.9
5. Average distance (in miles) from camp to job	8.3	5.8
6. Average earnings:		
(a) Per worker employed	\$8.91	\$9.56
(b) Per worker: all workers	\$2.18	\$7.80
7. Average family earnings:		
(a) Per family with at least one worker employed	\$10.75	\$18.87
(b) Per family: all families	\$4.30	\$16.29
(Families included in above figures)	(763)	(449)

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WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT INDEX* FOR CALIFORNIA

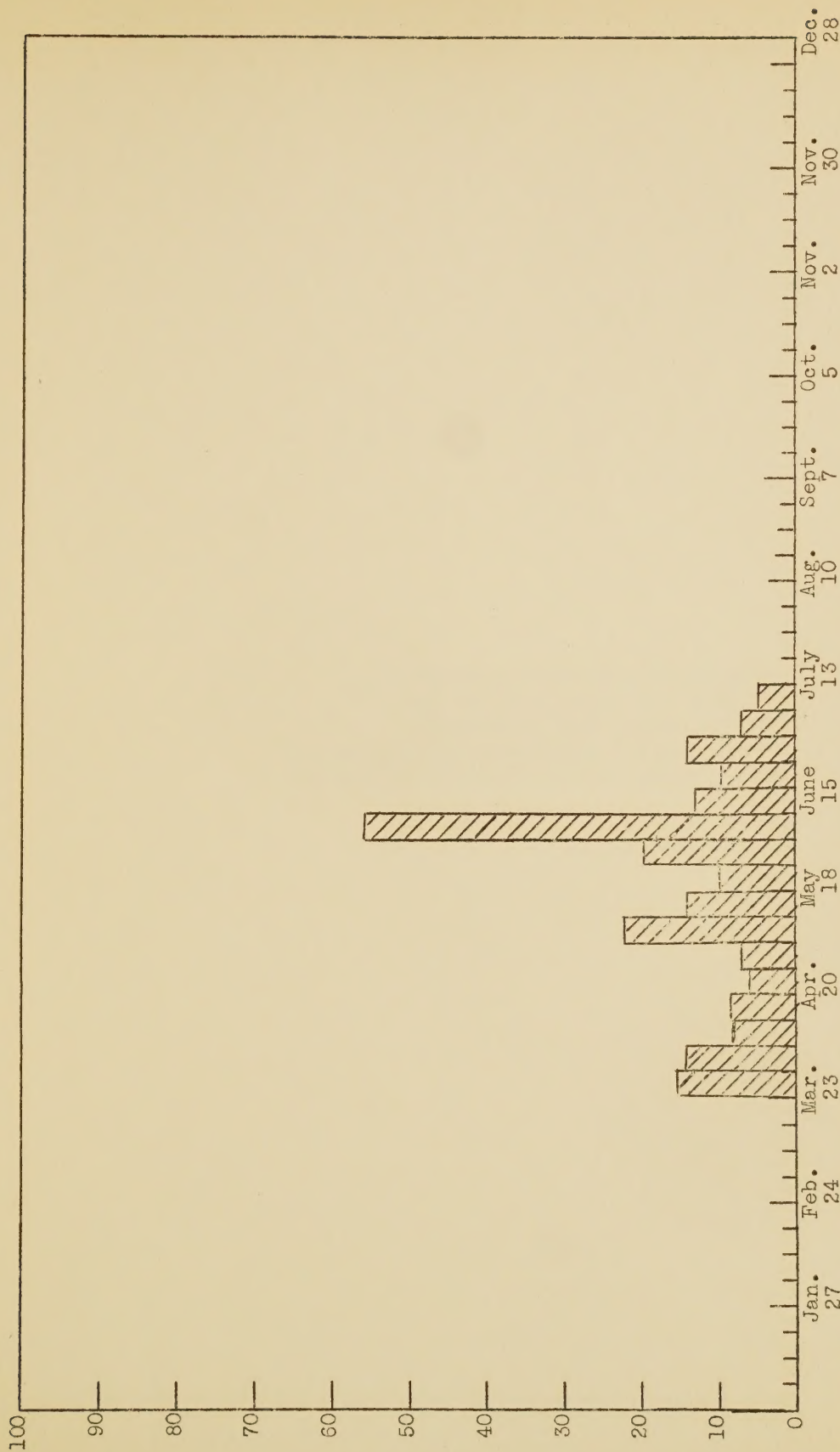
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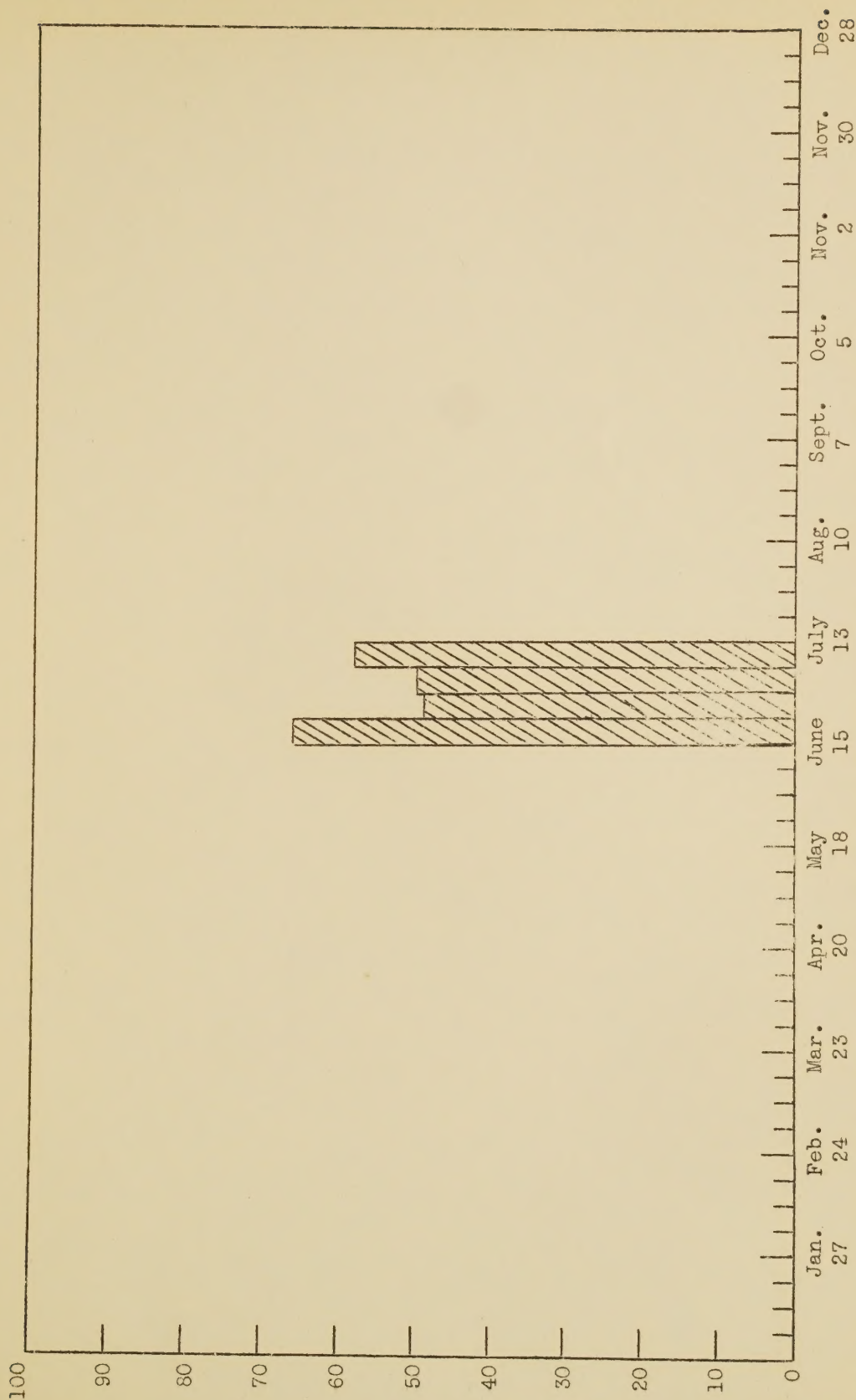
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WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT INDEX* FOR THE NORTHWEST
 Farm Workers Living in Farm Security Administration Migratory Labor Camps.



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